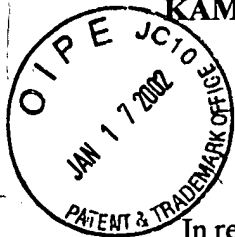


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Dear Sir:

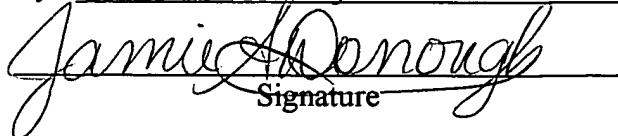
Applicant submitted a Preliminary Amendment with the filing of the application. This Preliminary Amendment added additional Claims 18-20 which were not acted upon in the First Office Action.

It is requested that the First Office Action be supplemented with a position on Claims 18-20 and that a new response date be restarted.

If there are any questions with regards to this request, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone conference.

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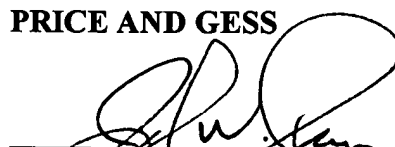
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